CONCLUSION

Claims 1-12 and 16-19 have been cancelled. The specification has been amended to identify parent application Serial No. 09/704,968 and to include a claim of priority. A copy of the original Declaration and Power of Attorney is submitted herewith pursuant to M.P.E.P. 201.06(c). No new matter has been added. Applicants request prompt and favorable consideration by the Examiner of the now pending application.

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